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## Chicago Masonry Experts to Check Out Statehouse 'Cheek Walls'

Masonry consultants from Chicago will be in Boise on Wednesday and Thursday of this week (Sept. 5-6) to look at a mock-up of a cleaning procedure of the N.E. 'cheek wall' of the Capitol Building.

According to the Division of Public Works, a 'cheek wall' is the concrete wall adjacent to a stairwell. The 'cheek walls' are being restored as part of the Phase One East Steps replacement work, which is underway.

The cleaning is called "sponge jet media cleaning," and involves tiny sponges being forcibly shot against the wall to clean it. All precautionary measures will be taken to assure safety to building occupants. The consultants will also train local CSHQA architects working on the Capitol, to have more expertise in restoration methods being used.

### CONSTRUCTION CREWS TO SET UP LARGE CRANE AT STATEHOUSE AT WEEK'S END

According to **McAlvain Construction** schedules, Statehouse employees and passersby can expect to see a large construction crane being set up for operation this weekend on the south side of the Capitol Building (Jefferson Street side). Workers will be using the crane to place scaffolding apparatus and related equipment near the face of the Statehouse as exterior masonry repair work continues. The north lane of Jefferson Street in front of the Capitol Building will most likely be closed, with traffic diverted to the adjacent lane. The crane will be set up just east of the Fire Lane area on the Jefferson Street side of the Capitol Building.



***Scaffolding on south side front of Capitol. The Harrison Tree, upper left, continues to be worked on by Mother Nature as well.***

**Answer to Last Week's Question: Have you met a Carved Dutchman?** A carved dutchman, or ornamental dutchman is a stone that is not just flat on all sides. It has some decorative elements or rounded edges. The term dutchman refers to a stone that is applied as a "patch", to the face of an existing stone. The existing stone face is removed and the dutchman is applied with epoxy mortar and/or pins (little steel rods).

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